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TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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SUBJECT: HANG-GLIDERS HUNG-UP

1. A US EXPORTER OF HANG-GLIDERS, PLYABLE MOOSE DELTA-WING CORP. OF WICHITA, KANSAS, REPORTS THAT A CUSTOMER IN JAPAN, TRANSWAVE CORP., 9-19, 5-CHOME, MAEHARA-CHO, KOGANEI-SHI, TOKYO, HAS BEEN REFUSED AN IMPORT LICENSE BY MITI BECAUSE HANG-GLIDERS ARE SUBJECT TO A "NATIONAL SECURITY" IMPORT QUOTA PERTAINING TO AIRCRAFT (BTN 88.02).

2. REQUEST EMBASSY TO VERIFY REPORT, AND, IF TRUE, TO DISCUSS WITH MITI FOLLOWING POSSIBILITIES FOR SOLUTION OR RELIEF OF THE PROBLEM:

A. CREATE A QUOTA-FREE EX-OUT UNDER 88.02 SPECIFICALLY FOR HANG-GLIDERS (MOST DESIRABLE SOLUTION)

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B. 'ASSUMING "HANG-GLIDERS" ARE CLASSIFIED UNDER BTN 88.02

(3) AS "GLIDERS", AND THAT THE "GLIDER" QUOTA HAS BEEN
FILLED, RECLASSIFY HANG-GLIDERS UNDER BTN 88.02 (4) AS
"OTHER" AIRCRAFT.

C. RECLASSIFY HANG-GLIDERS UNDER BTN 88.04 AS "PARACHUTES",
AS THEY ARE MADE OF FABRIC AND THE USER IS SUSPENDED IN A
HARNESS SIMILAR TO A PARACHUTE HARNESS.

D. RECLASSIFY HANG-GLIDERS AS "SPORTING EQUIPMENT" UNDER BTN
97.06 (1). (LEAST DESIRABLE SOLUTION) INGERSOLL
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